Statement

Number of Theft/Pilferage cases in various states

S. No.	Name of the State	No. of cases
1.	Uttar Pradesh	5
2.	Punjab	2
3.	Rajasthan	13
4.	Maharashtra	25
5.	Madhya Pradesh	2
6.	Karnataka	1
7.	Kerala	1
8.	Tamil Nadu	1
9.	Andhra Pradesh	2
10.	Assam	1
11.	Bihar	1
12.	Orissa	2
13.	West Bengal	50

Representation from All India Beedi Cigar and Tobacco Workers Federation

2109. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation from the All India Beedi Cigar and Tobacco Workers Federation, Ahmednagar (Maharashtra) has been received;

(b) if so, the details of the main demands raised by them;

(c) whether Government have permitted the multi national cigarette companies to manufacture macro-cigarettes;

(d) if so, whether Government are aware that these steps have thrown lacs of beedi workers mostly women out of employment and forced their families to starve; and

(e) if so, the steps Government contemplate to save the beedi industry of the country?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The main demands raised therein are for imposing a ban on production and sale of mini-cigarettes, withdrawl of concessions given to Cigarette Industry, for withdrawing excise exemption to Beedi manufacturers producing upto 20 lakhs beedies annually, uniform minimum wage of Rs. 50 and D.A. 10 paisa per point, old age pension and insurance scheme, strict implementation of all labour laws to beedi industry and to ensure supply of sufficient tendu leaves and tobacco to workers and to lower down its prices.

(c) to (e)The Government have received representations from the manufacturers of beedies and the Associations of beedi workers stating that the present rate pf specific excise duty on non-filter cigarettes of length not exeeding 60 mm is affecting the beedi industry and workers. Since the incidence of excise duty on cigarettes is substantially higher than on beedies, it is unlikely that the system of central excise duty levied on cigarettes based on the length has adverse effect on the beedi industry and workers.

राजीव गांधी हत्याकांड की जांच से संबंधित खोई हुई फाइल के संबंध में जांच

2110. **श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र:** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि राजीव गांधी हत्याकांड के सुरक्षा पहलुओं की जांच करने वाले न्यायमूर्ति वर्मा पैनल की नियुक्ति से संबंधित मूल फाइल गायब है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने उस मूल फाइल के गायब होने के मामले की कोई जांच करायी है: यदि नहीं तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) इस संबंध में तथ्यात्मक ब्यौरा क्या है?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्): (क) जी हां। श्री राजीव गांधी हत्या के लिए उत्तरदायी सुरक्षा दोषों की जांच कर रहे न्यायमूर्ति